

EXHIBIT 20

Letter dated December 17, 1924 to Superintendent G.A. Trotter
from C.A. Engle, Supervising Engineer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN IRRIGATION SERVICE
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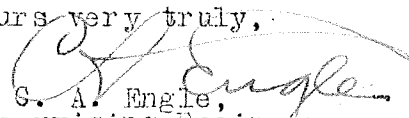
Superintendent G. A. Trotter
Walker River Reservation
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mr. Trotter:

After my conversation with you at the time of my recent visit, and as a result of having looked over the reservoir sites near the upper boundary of the reservation, and after discussing with United States Attorney Springmeyer, the merits of our case, concerning the water rights in the waters of Walker River, I concluded it would be advisable and in the best interests of our Service, to retain Mr. Kronquist in our employ for the present and have therefore recommended this to the Office, and have no doubt but that the Office will approve of my recommendation.

I found that the reservoir sites are much more favorable for our purpose than any others I have yet seen along the lower course of the Walker River. My judgment of course, is based only on surface indications and it will require some considerable work to definitely decide on the merits of the respective dam sites. This work, as well as some additional surveys, I have asked Mr. Kronquist to do. We will of course, have need also of Mr. Kronquist during the trial of the Walker River water rights and especially considering that he is more familiar with the subject than any one else we have or could hope to get, so, considering all the circumstances, I think you will agree with me that it is advisable to retain him in our employ and I have no doubt but what the Office will agree to it.

Yours very truly,


G. A. Engle,
Supervising Engineer.

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CC-E.W. Kronquist